

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
MINUTES  
November 29, 2004 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** William Sullivan, Chairman  
James Workman, Cliff Pratt,  
James Barrington, Town Manager  
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing to take comments from the public in regard to amending the Town's Highways and Traffic Ordinance at Chapter 3, to insert a new Article 15 to enact temporary traffic control measures during the Hampton Beach Infrastructure Project.

Mr. John Christiansen, 12 Epping Avenue stated that he had some difficulty in obtaining the article and information posted at the Town Hall. He asked when the article was posted on outside wall of the building. Mr. Barrington reported that it was posted on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Christiansen asked if this new article will replace Articles 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 13. Mr. Sullivan said that this would temporarily amend those ordinances. Mr. Christiansen asked if the fine of not more than \$100 in this ordinance is the same as the current penalties in place for the articles being amended. Attorney Gearreald said that the idea is that the penalties would be the same as they currently exist.

Mr. Christiansen asked if there are any non-infrastructure regulations included in this article, such as the elimination of parallel parking. Attorney Gearreald said that adjustments in the parking can be made based on the needs of that area and there is latitude during the periods of active construction.

The hearing was closed at 7:10 PM.

Mr. Sullivan asked who is responsible for snow plowing in the areas of excavation during the winter. Mr. Peter Howe, Faye, Spofford & Thorndike was present and said that generally speaking the contract bid was for snow removal only in the immediate work area at that time.

**I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Workman led the audience in the flag salute.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Parade

The Board of Selectmen announced that the annual Holiday Parade will take place on Saturday at 1:30 PM.

Junior High/High School Presentation

December 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation at the Sacred Heart School on "Making Healthy Choices" at 3:00 and 5:00 PM.

**III. APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Warren Bambury, Re: CMAQ Grant and RPC Board Updates

Mr. Bambury noted that he didn't receive the package with the grant information for the Board and will get it to the Board as soon as he receives it. He explained that the Town applied for this grant about four years ago through the Rockingham Planning Commission for a bike path. The grant that has been approved is for \$50,000 this year; the \$702,000 balance of the grant will be received next year. The town is responsible for 20% (\$150,000) which would need to be raised in 2006.

The last regional planning commission featured a speaker from the Main Street Program which is a national organization that offers a variety of services. Several years he asked if there was a chance that the Main

Street Program could be applied to the beach. There is a meeting coming up for the next round of funding and this is something that could be looked into.

Mr. Bambury told the Board that he is familiar with the work of John Harwood, the newly hired planner and he will be an asset to the community.

Mr. Bambury updated the Board on several projects. He noted that the Route 1 Corridor Study is still ongoing it is winding down. Hampton is heavily involved in the study and one of the areas that had been suggested early on was the 5-Corners, which was beyond the scope of that committee. However, the Rockingham Planning Commission has put that area on the agenda for a study. Through the town's budget process there has been a request for \$50,000 for a consultant to work on the town's zoning ordinances and he has now learned that there are funds available for 50% of that cost through the RPC. Mr. Bambury noted that he has been a representative to the RPC on behalf of the town for nine years and he has been working on the urban compact issue in Hampton. He explained that Hampton is extremely unfortunate with the way that the urban compact program operates fiscally. When Route 1 was reconstructed the Town had full responsibility for the roads within the urban compact area and has control over what is done to the roads. Hampton has been in the program since 1961 and with the one project that was done, there is nearly a \$1 million deficit against Hampton. Mr. Bambury said that he has a letter from the State in 1961 saying that the town would be reimbursed \$1,000 per mile and at that time the town had 6.1 miles; although the first payment was not received until 2000. Hampton has to plow and maintain that mileage, which has now grown to 33 miles of urban compact roads.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Bambury's efforts with the Rockingham Planning Commission and the associated committees.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### Town Manager's Report

##### Police Facility

Mr. Barrington told the Board that he met with Jeff McElravy from Kaestle-Boos and Captain Sullivan in regard to the police facility substantial completion and schedule for the final punch list. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, with the building being fully operational on December 14, 2004.

##### Polling Place

After the recent Presidential Election, Moderator Casassa reported that the lights that were added to the voting booths were sufficient and appreciated. He did note that additional time needs to be provided for the installation of the lights. There was only one complaint received in regard to the lighting.

##### Precinct Land Swap

Mr. Barrington reported that in doing further research into the land swap offer by the Precinct, he is looking to see if there may be a reasonable counter offer to their proposal. He explained that on the Ashworth lot, if a line was drawn along the south side of the new police station, the portion of the land south of that line would be equivalent to the land the Precinct owns on Brown Avenue, approximately one acre. That would still leave the land immediately to the east of the new police station, where the existing police building is which could be then utilized for parking or a new fire station. Mr. Barrington asked the Board to provide their thoughts on this to him.

##### Infrastructure Project

Mr. Barrington told the Board that Faye, Spofford & Thorndike has reported that the State has approved the traffic management plan for Ocean Boulevard during the construction at the beach.

Coastal Management Plan

The Town Manager explained to the Board that he has spoken with Dr. Frank Richardson of the DES Wetlands Bureau regarding the Seabrook Coastal Management plan. After receiving Dr. Richardson's assurances that there are no requirements for the Town in the plan that has been developed, but rather a management plan that is intended to streamline permitting processes for beach and dune management, Mr. Barrington said that it is his opinion that the plan is worth further review by Hampton. Mr. Barrington asked the Board's permission to devote some staff time to some modifications to the proposed plan that will insure that it accomplishes the town's goals without creating obligations that could prove costly in the future. The Conservation Commission Chairman, Ellen Goethel has some interest in seeing the plan and providing some input. Mr. Pratt said that he had no problem with work being put into the beach management plan. Mr. Workman agreed and said that the Town should participate, with caution, in the plan.

Bond Counsel

The firm of Pierce Atwood has been hired to represent the town as bond counsel and Attorney Jack Sanders and Attorney James Saffian will be working closely with the town. The bond sale for the infrastructure has been tentatively set for December 16<sup>th</sup>.

District Court

Attorney Gearreald has been working the court system on temporary court facilities and they learned today that they would like to be out of the current facility and into a temporary facility within two months. They understand that the town does not have money for modifications, but Mr. Barrington said that he has offered a reduced rent in order for them to be able to make modifications on their own to another site. Mr. Pratt said that he has no interest in the town acquiring the Maranatha Church.

WHS-Bishop Guertin Football Game

The Cable TV Commission has been filming the WHS football games all season, including the State Championship game. There are copies of the DVD of that game at \$10.00 per copy.

Private Detail Expense

Mr. Barrington told the Board that there had been a question about the town billing a presidential candidate's campaign for the town's expenses as a result of an event that was held at Winnacunnet High School. He reported that the Town has received the reimbursement of just over \$800.00 for that event.

Hurd Farm

Mr. Workman asked for an update on the Hurd Farm transfer. Mr. Barrington said that the Trust for Public Land is still aiming for early January to close on that transfer.

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**IV. NEW BUSINESS**Capital Improvement Plan - 2005

Mr. Sullivan presented the Capital Improvement Plan for 2005 as forwarded to the Board of Selectmen by the Planning Board. Mr. Workman explained that it was presented by the CIP Committee to the Planning Board and for the coming year the projects recommended are about \$8.1 million, with much of that Public Works and bond payments. Mr. Barrington said that many of the items have been included in the proposed budget while others may come forward as warrant articles.

Temporary Traffic Adjustments – Article 15

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen approve the amendment of the town ordinances with the addition of Article 15.

**Mr. Workman SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Homeland Security Grant

Mr. Workman said that he noticed that the Governor approved a list of Homeland Security programs and Hampton was shown as receiving \$77,000. Mr. Barrington said that the funds are part of a Homeland Security application and he will get specific details from Chief Lipe for the Board.

**IV. MINUTES**

The minutes of November 22, 2004 were accepted as written.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Boat Registration Authorization for Town Clerk

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** that the consent agenda be approved.

**Mr. Pratt SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** that the public meeting be adjourned. (8:00 PM)

**Mr. Pratt SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman